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At the Court at St. James's, April 15. 1713.

PRESENT

The Queen's Moſt Excellent Majeſty in Council.

THIS Day his Grace, James Duke of Ormond, took the Oaths appointed to be taken inſtead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, his Grace being Lord Lieutenant of the County of Norfolk, and of the City of Norwich and County of the ſame.

St. James's, April 15. This Day the following Addreſs was preſented to Her Majeſty by the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Common-Council of the City of *London*, being introduced by the Lord High Treaſurer.

To the QUEEN's moſt Excellent Majeſty,

The humble Addreſs of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of *London*, in Common-Council Aſſembled.

Moſt Gracious Sovereign!

YOUR Majeſty's moſt Dutiful and Loyal City of London, *beg leave to Congratulate Your Majeſty upon the Succeſs of Your Princely Endeavours, Steddy Reſolution, and Wiſe Councils, which have at length obtained ſuch an Honourable Peace, the greateſt Glory of Your Reign, and the moſt deſirable Bleſſing to Your Own People.*

The Advantages You have obtained for Your Subjects, and the wiſe Meaſures You have taken, to Secure and Improve Our Trade, affect Us in the moſt ſenſible Manner.

Your Care of the Proteſtant Religion and Succeſſion, calls for Our ſincereſt Acknowledgments, and all poſſible Returns of Gratitude, whilſt You ſo generouſly extend Your tendereſt Regards to Our Poſterity, after having made Us compleatly Happy: But we cannot ſufficiently expreſs Our Indignation againſt thoſe, who have ſo long obſtructed Our Felicity, and whoſe Attempts to make a Merit by dividing Your Majeſty's Intereſts from thoſe of the Illuſtrious Houſe of Hanover, *are not the leſs Baſe and Treacherous for being Vain and Ineffectual.*

Your Majeſty hath ſo wholly devoted Your Self to procure the Eaſe and Welfare of Your Subjects, that the ſtricteſt Loyalty, and moſt unalterable Affection, would be an unequal Return, did not Your Majeſty aſſure Us, You want no other Guaranty but That, next to the Divine Providence.

We ſhall in Our ſeveral Stations endeavour to calm Mens Minds, and cultivate the Arts of Peace, ſuppreſs the groundleſs Jealouſies and Party-Rage of a Faction, and oppoſe all their Secret and Open Contrivances: That Your Majeſty may paſs the length of Days (which Heaven, we hope, hath reſerved for You) in Repoſe and Glory.

To which Addreſs Her Majeſty was pleaſed to make the following moſt Gracious Anſwer.

I Thank You moſt heartily for this Addreſs; and am very glad God has bleſſed My ſincere Deſigns, for ſecuring Our Religion, *and enlarging Trade, by which My Loyal City of* London *will receive ſo much Advantage.*

And at the ſame time the Lord Mayor and Lieutenancy of the City of *London*, preſented the following Addreſs to Her Majeſty, being introduced by the Lord High Treaſurer.

To the QUEEN's moſt Excellent Majeſty,

The humble Addreſs of the Lord Mayor, and the reſt of Your Majeſty's Commiſſioners of Lieutenancy of the City of *London.*

MADAM,

WHen Your Majeſty did vouchſafe, with the greateſt Condeſcention, to communicate to Your People the approaching Proſpect of a General Peace, We, amongſt others of Your Majeſty's moſt dutiful Subjects, were ſenſibly affected with Your unparallel'd Goodneſs, and entirely relied on Your Majeſty's conſummate Wiſdom, to bring to Perfection, in its proper Seaſon, ſo great and happy a Work.

God Almighty having now given Your Majeſty the deſired Succeſs in that important Affair, and Your Majeſty, having by Your great Penetration, not only obtained and ſecured the Quiet, Safety, and Advantages of Your own People, but likewiſe procured a reaſonable Satisfaction for all Your Allies, notwithſtanding the many Difficulties and Obſtructions that have deſignedly been raiſed by the daring Inſolence of a Clamorous *and* Ungrateful Faction: *We do (with juſt Admiration of the great Abilities and unwearied Application of all thoſe whom Your Majeſty hath been pleaſed to entruſt in the Progreſs of this Negotiation) moſt joyfully embrace this Opportunity of Congratulating Your Majeſty on this glorious Occaſion: And do moſt humbly aſſure Your Majeſty, That We ſhall ever diſtinguiſh Ourſelves by all dutiful Affection and Loyalty to Your Majeſty's Royal Perſon, and a ſteddy Adherence to the Proteſtant Succeſſion in the Illuſtrious Houſe of* Hanover, *and on all Occaſions render to Your Majeſty the grateful Tribute of our Allegiance, in its utmoſt Extent, as becomes the moſt Obedient Subjects, to the Beſt of Princes.*

To which Addreſs Her Majeſty was pleaſed to make this moſt Gracious Anſwer.

Gentlemen,

YOUR Addreſs is very Kind, and I heartily Thank You for it.

My Study is the Safety and Benefit of My People; and it is a great Satisfaction to Me, when My Endeavours meet with Succeſs, to the Advantage of ſuch Loyal and Affectionate Subjects.

And as a Mark of Her Royal Favour, Her Majeſty was pleaſed to confer the Honour of Knighthood on *George Merttins*, Eſq; one of the Aldermen of the ſaid City.

Madrid, April 3. *N. S.* His Majeſty hath ordered a Decree to be publiſhed againſt the Biſhop of Barcelona, forbidding all his Miniſters and Councils to have any Communication with him, or to acknowledge him as Cardinal. The Troops deſigned for Catalonia, have received directions to march thither, but the Duke de Popoli is not to ſet out till the return of an Expreſs, which hath been diſpatch'd to General Staremberg, to know of him in what manner that Province is to be evacuated. The Duke de Veraguas is commanded by the King to go immediately to his Government of Navarre, in order to aſſemble the Cortes there, and to demand a Gift of them in his Majeſty's Name. A new Council is eſtabliſhed, to examine into the Differences between this